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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

(Currently Amended) A folding machine comprising:

a housing having a first fold plate and a second fold plate, each permanently attached to the housing and forming an upper opening;

a processing area including a first removable plate attached to the first fold plate forming a first work area therebetween and a second removable plate attached to the second fold plate forming a second work area therebetween, each removable plate disposed in the housing and accessible through the upper opening for removal by a quick-coupling mechanism;

a paper input area adjacent the first removable plate;

a feeding mechanism for feeding paper sheets from the paper input area to the processing area and at least one of the first and second work area and providing processed sheets; and

a paper output area adjacent the second removable plate for outputting the processed sheets.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The folding machine of claim 1 wherein the processing area further includes a split table having the first fold plate and second fold plate welded to the housing and the first removable plate is removably attached to the first fold plate by a first quick coupling mechanism and the second removable plate is removably attached to the second fold plate by a second quick coupling mechanism.
- 3. (Previously presented) The folding machine of claim 1 wherein the quickcoupling mechanism includes an attachment lever for attaching the first removable plate to the